

Richmond, Indiana

Park Concepts for the

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Public open space is not a leftover of little importance but it is rather the central artery where democracy flows and enriches community. Just like in the human body, public open space must be linked consequentially to the entire body in order to promote good and healthy function that supports a good life.

The work presented in the following slides represents a creative effort to interpret and envision public open space in Richmond, Indiana. Its major purpose is to invite engagement and civic dialogue toward the articulation of a program of action for comprehensive improvement and capture of the open space opportunities in Richmond that will make the city an attractive place to live, relocate, work, and recreate. These are neither perfect nor final concepts but rather "burrs in the saddle" that may cause a stop to address conditions, ponder solutions. and effect the convenient and appropriate change.

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